



North Coast Watershed Association Board of Directors Meeting
April 28th, 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM (via Zoom)

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order: 4:01 p.m.

Attendees: Board Members Mark Garrigues, Tessa Scheller, Chris Farrar, Ty Williams, and Executive Director Graham Klag; Mike Seppa joined at 4:30.

Absent: Melissa Reich, Jason Smith, and Carla Cole

NCWA Council Reports

River Council – great attendance at last meeting, even some attendees not on our server list. There was a lot of community interest in the Big Creek/Little Creek Project. Some of the attendees had a good amount of historical knowledge of the Big Creek/Little Creek channel morphology as well as knowledge of historic salmon runs on these streams. We need to try to capture and document this historical information. It was recommended to track down these attendees through Misty at the CCSWCD or Mike Keyser, former Nicolai-Wikiup Watershed Council member and a local landowner. It was mentioned that Clatsop County Commissioners Pam Wev and Courtney Bangs may be able to help.

Coastal Council – no report; still trying to find someone to chair this council and hopefully serve on our Board of Directors.

Nature Matters – there were eight people in attendance. Chris suggested that utilizing the Facebook platform may be limiting the number of attendees as there are many people who do not have a Facebook account. Graham said that he would contact the coordinator and discuss this issue as well as suggest possible future presentations. Next months presenter is David Lukas who will be discussing songbirds.

NCWA Administrative Report

March Financials – doing well financially; Big Creek and Ecola Creek Grants are signed and ready for funding to flow. Chris had a question related to the Pay-Benefits and why this line item was over budget. He wanted to know if we will be moving budgeted monies around in June prior to the end of the fiscal year to better balance the budget. Graham has a meeting scheduled with Jen to learn more about our financial reports.

Our unrestricted contributions did not show it yet, but we received ~\$3,500 from the Astoria Co-Op “Round-Up Your Change” program as we were the Non-Profit which was chosen to benefit in February.

Projects – Graham will be working with Ty to get necessary information for the Upper Big Creek Project into ODF’s FERNs notification program.

Staff Update – Graham is working with Wendi to get landowners on board in the Lewis and Clark River Valley for the “Return of the Redds” project. USFWS may have some additional dollars to help support this project if there is enough landowner support.

Kelli recently gathered more monitoring documentation/data on the Blackberry Bog project. She also did some outreach with both Astoria and Warrenton High Schools.

Executive Update

Website Update/Return of the Redds – the website update will highlight the Return of the Redds project as well as subsets of our other projects. Also looking at ways to utilize GIS to track projects/participating landowners and donors.

Lewis and Clark River Stream Gauge – still working to get this accomplished. Tessa expressed the significant need for the information that this gauge will provide and the possibility and getting other partner involvement or support. Chris discussed the cuts that have been made in research and monitoring to Federal Service’s budget over the last several decades that may limit financial support from Federal partners.

North North Fork Klaskanine River Intake #3 Grant Project – Graham attended a site visit recently to review the project area and the grant application has now been submitted to OWEB for their consideration.

To Do – *the March minutes need to get routed and approved to the board so they can be used at our bank to update our accounts with Graham’s name so he can be issued a debit card for miscellaneous expenses.*